

<small>Consolidated Form for Patent, Design Patent, and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20514, www.uspto.gov</small>		
---	--	--

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
09/868,713	Benoit Patrick Bertrand	05222.00175

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
-------------------------------

PCT/US99/02743

I.A. FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE
02/08/1999	12/22/1998

Charles L Miller  
Banner & Witcoff  
Ten S Wacker Drive Suite 3000  
Chicago, IL 60606-7407

CONFIRMATION NO. 3443

371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER



\*OC000000006937629\*

Date Mailed: 10/24/2001

### NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

<u>10/10/2001</u>	<u>10/10/2001</u>
DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS	DATE OF RECEIPT OF ALL 35 U.S.C. REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- U.S. Basic National Fee
- Copy of the International Application
- Oath or Declaration

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

---

PATRICIA A BOOKER

Telephone: (703) 305-3738

PART 3 - OFFICE COPY